

**MACBETH ACT V QUESTIONS**  
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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Hour \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK YOUR COMPREHENSION**

1. To what three previous events in the play does Lady Macbeth refer in her sleepwalking?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
2. What happens to Lady Macbeth before the final battle?
3. What does Macbeth learn in V. v. that makes him doubt the apparitions prophecies?
4. In V. viii., why does Macbeth tell Macduff he doesn't wish to fight him?
5. What does Macduff tell Macbeth concerning the apparitions' second prophecy?
6. What is Macbeth's fate in battle?
7. At the end of the play, who is to be crowned king of Scotland?

**CRITICAL THINKING**

1. What causes Lady Macbeth to sleepwalk?
2. How have Macbeth and Lady Macbeth reversed roles by the end of the play?
3. On learning of Lady Macbeth's death, why does Macbeth say, "She should have died hereafter"?

4. What admirable traits does Macbeth show at the end (tragic impulse)?
5. How would the recently foiled Guy Fawkes plot have influenced the way Shakespeare's audience viewed Macbeth?

#### LITERARY FOCUS: TRAGEDY

1. In your own words, what is Macbeth's tragic flaw?
2. What role does Lady Macbeth play in Macbeth's choice of evil?
3. Once Macbeth kills Duncan, can he turn back? Why or why not?
4. Explain how the positive qualities (tragic impulse) that Macbeth demonstrates in Scene v add to the sense of tragedy.

#### VOCABULARY BUILDER

perturbation                      pristine                      clamorous                      harbingers

The movement of Birnam Wood was a strange development. The first

(1)\_\_\_\_\_, rustling tress that approached Dunsinane were

(2)\_\_\_\_\_ of the army. Farmers who saw the

(3)\_\_\_\_\_ wood suddenly begin to move confessed to feeling a

(4)\_\_\_\_\_ in their hearts.